IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 579 OF 2006

SALCETE SCHEDULE TRIBES ASSOCIATION,, REP. BY ITS PRESIDENT MR. LUIS ALEX CARDOZO ....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF GOA THROUGH THE SECRETARY PANCHAYAT & ANR ....Respondents

Mr. J. E. Coelho Pereira, Sr. Advocate with Mr. V. Korgaonkar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Kantak, AG with Ms. R. Chodankar, Aga for the Respondents.

Coram:- J. N. PATEL &
N. A. BRITTO, JJ.

Date:- 6th December, 2006

P.C.:

The learned Advocate General, after seeking instructions, makes a statement that the State has taken a decision to accept the decision of the Goa State Election Commissioner and would extend all possible cooperation in the matter. It is submitted that the State would place before the Election Commission its stand in taking the policy decision to postpone the elections and whatever the State Election Commissioner, after considering the same, decides, the State would accept the decision and extend full cooperation in the matter of holding Panchayat elections.

We expect that the exercise would be completed within a week's time from today.

In view of this statement, in our opinion, it is not necessary for this Court to issue writ as sought for by the Goa State Election Commission.

Insofar as Writ Petition No. 579/2006 which is filed by Salcete Schedule Tribes Association is concerned, needless to say that the respondents would consider their case under the express provision of the Constitution and the Goa Panchayat Raj Act and the Goa Panchayat Rules.

Both the petitions therefore stand disposed of accordingly.

J. N. PATEL, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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